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METHOD FOR ISOLATING

NUCLEIC ACIDS, AND A KIT

AND APPARATUS FOR NUCLEIC ACID ISOLATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND VERIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.821 (f)

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination on the merits, please amend the above-captioned U.S. application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 4 of this paper.